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NARCOTICS RAID NETS FOUR



WALTER H. NITZ
Police Sergeant

New Police Sergeant Appointed

Torrance Police Officer Walter H. Nitz, a member of the Police Department since August, 1953, has been promoted to the rank of police sergeant, Police Chief Walter R. Koenig has announced.

Sgt. Nitz most recently has been assigned to the patrol and traffic divisions. He was assigned to the Detective division for seven and a half years.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Sgt. Nitz served in the Korean War. He currently is enrolled at El Camino College, where he is studying police science.

Sgt. Nitz and his wife, Bonnie, are parents of two teenage daughters. The family lives in Torrance.

Scotsman To Visit Rotarians

A 21-year-old Oxford graduate now studying at the University of Southern California on a Rotary Foundation Fellowship will speak to members of the Torrance Rotary Club Wednesday as the club joins more than 12,500 other Rotary clubs in the world in observance of "The Rotary Foundation Week."

President Larry Bowman said the speaker, Douglas C. Morton of Sterling, Scotland, now is enrolled for classes in accounting, marketing, and environment of business at USC.

Bowman said the observance this year would mark a year-long tribute by Rotary clubs everywhere on the 50th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation.

Supported by contributions from Rotary clubs and Rotarians around the world, the Foundation received more than \$1 million last year to be used in its work of furthering understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations, Bowman said.

Stereo Stolen

A stereo tape player was taken from a car belonging to George R. Fulton, 19, of 4048 W. 173rd Place, Friday, according to Torrance police.

Talk Set On Friends Of Library

Formation of a Friends of the Library organization to aid in the establishment of the city's independent library system will be the topic at a meeting of the city's Library Commission next Thursday.

Mrs. Pat Gazian of the Hermosa Beach Friends of the Library will address the commission at a meeting to be held in room 214 at the City Hall. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., according to Mrs. Claire V. Crain, chairman of the commission.

Torrance will establish a municipal library system in July, 1968. At that time, the current contract with the county library system expires and will not be renewed.

Mrs. Gazian is expected to discuss all aspects of the Friends of the Library organization and answer questions. The meeting is open to the public.

Storm Drain Bond Sales Set Dec. 13

Sale of \$15 million in 1958 storm drain bonds has been approved by County Supervisors with bids set for opening Dec. 13, Supervisor Chairman Burton W. Chace said today.

The action was recommended by County Flood Control District Chief Engineer Walter J. Wood.

Chace said the sale represents half of the \$30 million block for which bids were recently opened and subsequently rejected.

A current review of funds needed for constructing the 1958 program indicates that proceeds from the upcoming sale, when added to present cash and investment balances remaining from previous sales, will finance the program until the spring of 1967.

The new offering will be the 14th under the program. Lumped with previous sales, it represents \$210 million out of the \$225 million authorized.

The final batch is tentatively expected to be put on the block next spring, Chace said.

Joseph Sidel Dies Suddenly

A 75-year-old Torrance man died at Torrance Memorial Hospital early Saturday a short time after his wife found him unconscious in their central Torrance home.

Joseph Sidel of 1412 Cota Ave died at 1:30 a.m., after he was rushed to the hospital.

Mrs. Nelly Sidel told police her husband had called her to his room about 11:30 p.m. Friday and complained of pain "all over." About midnight, Mrs. Sidel said, she found her husband unconscious and called the Torrance Fire Department.

Mr. Sidel was taken to the hospital, but doctors were unable to revive him. He had been ill for several years, Mrs. Sidel said.

The body was taken to Stone and Myers Mortuary.



AT LIONS MEETING . . . Mayor Ahmet Nalcaei of Konya, Turkey (third from left) holds banners presented by officers of four Torrance Lions' Clubs during a breakfast meeting of the South Torrance Lion's Club. Nalcaei, a member of the Konya Lion's Club, was greeted by (from left) Robert Herrick, president of the South

Torrance club; George (Neis) Cullum, past deputy district governor from the North Torrance club; Mayor Albert Ison, Torrance Lions' Club; Walter Keberlein, president of the Torrance Lions' Club, and Al Alm, a vice president of the West Torrance Lions' Club.

High-Speed Crash Injures Five, Hospitalizes Youth

A 17-year-old Torrance boy was reported in good condition Saturday at Little Company of Mary Hospital following a traffic accident Friday evening in which four other persons were injured.

Police said Georger's vehicle collided with a station wagon driven by Leroy Ernest Ryan, 22, of 2816 W. 182nd St. Ryan refused medical attention at the scene of the accident.

THREE OTHER teenagers, all passengers in Georger's vehicle, were treated at Little Company of Mary Hospital and released.

Police said Ryan was driving South on Hawthorne Boulevard, apparently at a high rate of speed, when Georger pulled in front of him while trying to turn into the north-

bound lanes on Hawthorne Boulevard.

Witnesses reported seeing the Ryan vehicle at 190th Street and Hawthorne Boulevard just a minute or two before the crash. They told police Ryan was traveling at a "high rate of speed."

A Torrance woman was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol early Friday morning after her car was involved in a three-car crash at Artesia Boulevard and Prairie Street.

Police arrested Ruth Hazel

Pepe of 18624 Yukon Ave. after her car, headed east on Artesia Boulevard, struck a car driven by Tom K. Uyeche of Gardena. Uyeche's vehicle was forced into the rear end of a car driven by Camille Angnes Howard of Los Angeles.

Uyeche and the Howard woman sustained minor injuries in the crash, which occurred about 2:15 a.m.

Police said 10 small trees were uprooted at Paradise Park, located at Lee and Evalyn streets, about 1:40 a.m. About 10 minutes later, the car was observed in Victor Park, 4727 Emerald St., where 18 small trees were uprooted.

The driver of the car, a 17-year-old Torrance boy, and an 18-year-old boy, were taken into custody after a witness called police. Two girls, ages 16 and 17, also were taken to the police station.

Police said the youths apparently had been drinking.

Re-Assigned Philip S. Glaser, librarian at the Isabel Henderson Library in West Torrance, has been named reference librarian at the Lynwood Library, County Librarian William S. Geller has announced.

David L. McKenzie, who was working at the station at 19605 S. Western Ave., told police the youth approached him, pulled a .38-calibre pistol, and told him, "This is a stick up."

McKenzie and another employee, George W. Funk, were forced to empty the cash drawer and then told to go into the restroom and count to 100. Both employees told police they heard a car start after they went into the restroom.

Police said the gunman was 19 or 20 years old, 5-feet-8, and weighed between 160 and 175 pounds. He wore a beige jacket, a green and yellow sports shirt, and green pants. The bandit had a one-inch scar under his left eye, the two men reported.

Burglar Takes Outboard Motor An outboard motor valued at \$1,200 was taken from the garage at his apartment, Thomas L. Frislie, 25, of 3546 Del Amo Blvd., told police Friday.

Frislie said the motor was fastened onto a boat which was parked in the garage. Police said the garage was not locked at the time.

Police Search Turns Up What May Be Heroin

Four persons were arrested on narcotics charges here Friday and police seized 32 grams of a substance believed to be heroin. The arrests ended an investigation of several weeks into the sale and use of narcotics in the Torrance area.

Arrested were: Joe Mesa Cantos, 29, of 711 Amapola St., charged with possession of narcotics other than marijuana for sale.

Rosemary Jean Cantos, 32, his wife, charged with possession of narcotics. Doyle Edward Skillern, 30, of 26014 Chyugh Ave., Lomita, charged with illegal use of narcotics; and, Leopoldo Rudy Montanez, 29, of 1740 Spreckles Lane,

Redondo Beach, arrested for illegal use and being under the influence of narcotic drugs.

Police went to the Cantos home about 5:30 p.m. Friday with a warrant signed by Municipal Court Judge Otto B. Willett. Skillern and Montanez were arrested when they showed up at the Cantos home while police were searching the house.

Both men reportedly had fresh puncture wounds on their arms. Police found the heroin-like substance during their search of the Cantos home. Officers estimated the cache has a market value of about \$640.

Youths Drive Through Parks, Trees Uprooted

Four youths were charged with destroying city property early yesterday after they drove a car across two city parks, uprooting several small trees.

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Two Returned To Council On Libraries

County Supervisor Burton W. Chace has reappointed two area residents to the Regional Library Advisory Councils. The reappointments were approved by the Board of Supervisors Wednesday.

Named to the Region III Council were Mrs. Halle P. Crow, 2375 W. 248th St., Lomita, and Mrs. Gertrude Schwartz, 250 E. 220th St., Carson.

There are eight library advisory councils in Los Angeles County with representatives from every area served by the County Library System. Region III serves the Torrance, Gardena, Lomita, Carson, and Dominguez areas.

An Early Christmas Light ---

City traffic engineer Art Horkay must be considered when prizes go out to the early birds with Christmas lights. He's putting one up Monday night in the middle of the street. Horkay announced yesterday that a temporary traffic control signal would be installed Monday on Carson Street just east of Hawthorne Boulevard to assist in the control of holiday traffic near the major Del Amo and Fashion Square shopping centers. The lights will be most helpful to pedestrians crossing Carson Street between the two centers, Horkay indicated.

Jamie Del Amo Buried ---

Funeral services for Jaime Del Amo, 53, a member of a Pioneer California family which has been prominent in the history of Torrance and surrounding communities, were conducted Thursday in London. Mr. Del Amo, who died last Monday in Suances, where he spent much of his youth. He was the son of Dr. Gregorio and Susanna Dominguez Del Amo. Mr. Del Amo is survived by his widow, Jane, and three sons and two daughters.

Council Meetings Set ---

City councilmen in Lomita and Torrance will meet this week. The Lomita meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m. Monday, with a 6 p.m. pre-council "work session" scheduled. Torrance councilmen will convene at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Both groups will have routine agendas before them.



GOOD GUYS . . . Dave Holland (center) presents a United Crusade silver plaque to Lt. D. E. Nash (right) of the Torrance Police Department while Police Chief Walter R. Koenig watches. The Torrance Police Department is the first unit to complete its United Crusade campaign this fall. A total of almost \$4,900—amounting to an average gift of \$23 for each employee—was achieved, Lt. Nash reported.